

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 are pending in this application. The Office Action objects to claims 5 and 7, rejects claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and rejects claims 2, 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 are amended and claims 2, 5 and 7 are cancelled. No new matter has been added. In consideration of the following, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Restriction Requirement

Applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawal of the September 7, 2006 Restriction Requirement.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 and 3 are allowable and acknowledging allowable subject matter in claims 5 and 7.

III. Rejection under §101

The Office Action rejects claims 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. §101 allegedly because the disclosed invention lacks utility. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that claims 6 and 7 are missing "executable". By this amendment, claim 6 is amended to include "being executable" and claim 7 is cancelled. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection under §102

Claims 2, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Publication No. 2003-0050924 to Faybishenko et al. (Faybishenko). By this amendment, independent claims

4 and 6 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 5 and 7, respectively, and claims 2, 5 and 7 are cancelled. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

By reason of the incorporation of allowable subject matter into claims 4 and 6, the rejection over Faybishenko is moot.

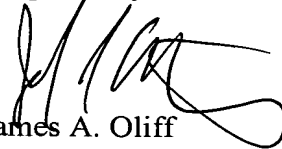
Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4 and 6 overcome the §102 rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 4 and 6 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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